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## Comment and Gossip on Sports of the Day

### Organized Baseball Facing a Lean Year if Signs Point Aright.

### HONESTY OF SPORT FINDS A CHAMPION

### Charges of Proselyting Filed by One Club Against Another May Point a Moral.

By Herbert.  
(G. Herbert Daley.)

Organized baseball is facing a lean year. It is bad enough to be harried by the Federal and driven to famine prices to hold star players, and even some would-be stars, but now comes a real war to attract interest. There is no telling just what effect Huerta, Carranza and Villa et al. will have on the great national game, but already indications point to smaller crowds and less enthusiasm. Baseball cannot be all-absorbing to your dyed-in-the-wool enthusiast under the conditions now obtaining in Mexico. There is no reason, of course, why sport in general should not suffer with other activities, and this is not written in a petulant spirit, but merely to voice the opinion of many to whom I have talked in the last few days. The pity of it lies in the distressing cause and not in the disappointing effect—so bad as the latter may be.

While riding in the subway on Thursday the following bits of a conversation between two heated individuals were overheard:

Joyful Billy—Jumping cats! The Yankees beat the Athletics to-day for the third straight time! Chance has got a real baseball team.

Growing Jim—What's that to cheer about? It looks to me as if those three victories could be viewed with suspicion.

Bristling Billy—Wordy meane "suspicion?"

Growing Jim—Suspicion means mistrust, or something like that, if you must know. I don't see how the world's champions could lose three straight games to the Yanks, as I remember them last year, and be on the level.

Bolling Billy—You're crazy! Baseball is the square game in the world. Frank Chance has got a team together at last and you've got to give him credit. I've seen the Yankees play three games this year and they're a lot of fighters, and what's more to the point, the pitching staff is one of the best in the league.

Brightening Jim—Is that so? I thought the Athletics were trying to help Frank Farrell draw a crowd and make a little money for a change. Let's fight about something else.

All this was indicative of a feeling which crops up at various times in the minds of professional pessimists. There are plenty of men ever willing to cry fraud where there is no fraud, and men who view with distrust anything which is not easily understood either from ignorance or just a puny brain. The Athletics have not been "pulling" to the Yankees. Their interest does not lie in the purse of Frank Farrell, but rather in the money with which to line their own pockets by getting in another world's series. The world's champions have been beaten by a team better prepared for the early season battles, and while these victories, so much appreciated and enjoyed by the fans here, may point to greater things, the pennant race is still too young to hail the team which Frank Chance is building as a better and stronger than Connie Mack's proved machine.

This, however, can be said: The Yankees appear to be as well fortified in the box as Chance predicted three or four weeks ago, when he was quoted as saying that his pitching staff would rank with the best in the league. It is generally accepted that pitching is 60 per cent of a team's potential power, and there is no gainsaying the fact that McHale, Caldwell, Cole, Keating, Fisher and Warhop have proved, one after another, that they are in condition to give of their best, and this best comes pretty near being first class.

Up to Friday the Yankees had played six games with two of the hardest teams in the league to beat—Philadelphia and Washington—and instead of trailing, as was many predicted, in the face of such opposition, had won four games and lost two. Leads in the infield cost one game, and the team still needs some bolstering and some more finish; but so long as the pitchers hold up to the standard set by the Yankees it is worth emphasizing that the hardest hitting team in the American League was held to an average of one earned run a game in three plays. The Mackian Marauders are not generally taken seriously, while the interest of the fans here has suddenly been aroused to rooting heat—a condition hardly apparent for three or four years.

It looks as if the Giants waited to get on their own diamond to break loose. The way they slammed the shot-to-pieces Phillies around on Thursday, when they made their first bow of the season at the Polo Grounds, would indicate that the breaking of all baseball precedent in winning four pennants in a row was a mere formality. Then came a sudden change.

On Friday the same Giants looked almost like pygmies. There was nothing to criticize on Thursday, because everything broke their way and runs were a drug on the market. On Friday the Giants were much to criticize.

Milton Stock at third base is a pocket edition of Tilly Haefer. He does not show the wide range or easy grace of the man who refused to sacrifice a few more gray hairs for the glory of New York, but he looks promising. The fans rightfully delayed judgment, but those who ought to know assure me that the youngster will not be lacking in the long, hard test before him. Bob Bescher certainly looks well in the outfield.

It is four years, at least, since the Pirates awoke to the importance of getting off in front in a National League pennant race. Their specialty for two or three seasons has been to crowd up from the back for a wonderful drive through an all too short stretch, and results have been disappointing. As pointed out in this column on two or three occasions, Fred Clarke and his men look like the

chief contenders with the Giants, and if they keep galloping along at the present pace they are quite likely to be more than contenders. McGraw cannot afford to let them open too wide a gap. The policy of watchful waiting has lost favor.

The cut-to-shreds Phillies are leading the league in team batting, with a mark well above .300, while the Superiors are next in line. In team fielding Brooklyn shows the way. The Giants are pretty well down the list, and, he it told, the Cubs bring up the rear both in batting and fielding.

In the American League the Detroit Tigers, thanks largely to Ty Cobb and Sam Crawford, are in the van in club batting, with the Yankees close at their heels, and the Philadelphia world's champions third from last. The Washington team is showing great weakness with the bat, the percentage for the first six games being only .177. In club fielding, however, the Senators are at the top, with the Yankees bringing up the rear.

Roger Peckinpaugh is the leader among the Yankees with the stick. Up to Thursday he had averaged one hit a game, for a percentage of .312.

It was a privilege to see the four-mile relay race at Franklin Field on Saturday, when A. N. S. Jackson, the Oxford University captain, beat McCurdy, of Pennsylvania, in that last wonderful mile by the width of a straw or something like that. The heart-breaking struggle of two game, honest runners paid tenfold for the discomfort of sitting four hours in the rain and trying to keep notes and record results on soggy paper. There can be no hesitancy in saying that it was the greatest foot race, the most gripping fight, that it has ever been my pleasure to see, and thousands of others will bear me testimony. Jackson had the most to do in that last mile and well deserved the glory which went with winning, but who shall say that McCurdy did not earn equal credit. I feel almost like repeating much that I wrote of the race in The Tribune on Sunday, so deeply has it been impressed on my mind, but space is too precious. This, however, must be said: Jackson, under the handicaps of new scenes and changed climate, a dead track that did not favor his long, easy stride, a twelve-yard gap to close at the start and an outside position in that desperate sprint around the last turn, proved himself, if such was necessary, a great runner.

One word more. The University of Pennsylvania, which made the race possible which has made the relay carnival a striking feature of the track and field season, must be congratulated. The top-heavy programme of fifty-five events was run off under discouraging conditions without a hitch and hardly more than twenty minutes behind schedule. It was good work.

Charges filed by the Xavier Athletic Association against the Millrose Athletic Association on the ground of proselyting may bear fruit in bringing about an interpretation of a rule which is hardly specific enough to properly safeguard the bona fide amateur and the club which is not governed along commercial lines. The Millrose Athletic Association is neither better nor worse than a number of other clubs when it comes to proselyting. Stodolski are told, based on something more than mere gossip, that an athletic "angel" here and there is in the same position to this club or that as the John Wanamaker Store is said to be to the Millrose Athletic Association. Recruiting always is attended with more or less damage to the true spirit of amateurism. Inducements, it seems, must be offered to the stars to insure a proper representation, and the rules to protect those who compete fairly are easily evaded. A club cannot promise or secure employment for a prospective point winner, but a member can do so or does so at a sacrifice to the spirit, if not the letter, of the law. It is all wrong, but it is mighty hard to fasten the guilt.

According to the Amateur Athletic Union rules an amateur becomes a professional when he represents a concern by which he is employed. The Millrose Athletic Association is made up of employees of the John Wanamaker Store, and it is charged that the name is used merely to evade the strict letter of the rule. It strikes me that such an interpretation is far too narrow and constrained. It is not likely that a commercial house, run on business lines, would be so interested in an athletic organization as to employ a man unequalled for his work at hand for the reason only that he was a fast runner or a good jumper. If the charges, as made by the Xavier Athletic Association, can be substantiated the governing body should mete out punishment, but in my opinion the case is not so exaggerated as those in which the so-called athletic "angel" serves as the go-between for reasons purely athletic. There is need for some housecleaning, no doubt, but it is one thing to bring charges and another to prove them, and the difficulties confronting James E. Sullivan and his associates in the government of the Metropolitan Association are not generally understood. Men with the best intentions in the world are not always able to prescribe a remedy that will cure athletic evils and stamp out semi-professionalism.

ANXIOUS—A wins, unless condition was made that all four games must be played.

### CLEVELAND BOWLERS WIN Carry Off Laurels in Ocean to Ocean Telegraphic Match.

An international bowling event, the inter-city athletic clubs' telegraphic bowling contest for the trophy presented two years ago by R. M. Thompson, was decided at an early hour yesterday morning, with the Cleveland Athletic Club, of Cleveland, the winner.

Nine athletic clubs entered a five-man team each, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific and in Canada the games were rolled simultaneously.

Each team bowled three games, and the scores were telegraphed to the New York Athletic Club, where the results were announced.

The Cleveland Athletic Club won, with a total of 2,855 pins. The New York Athletic Club was second, with 2,829, and the Seattle Athletic Club, of Seattle, third, with 2,774.

Following are the scores of the other club teams: Montreal A. A. A., Montreal, 2,695; Olympic Club, San Francisco, 2,629; Pittsburgh A. A., Pittsburgh, 2,618; Denver A. C., Denver, 2,466; Illinois A. C., Chicago, 2,442; and Chicago A. A., Chicago, 2,478.

## WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



## Misplays of Naps Rob Blandings of Shut Out

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Scott kicked so strenuously over the decision which allowed Olson's score that he was put off the field by Umpire O'Loughlin. Two startling catches by Graney killed a ninth inning rally by the White Sox. The score follows:

CLEVELAND.	ab	r	p	ba	CHICAGO.	ab	r	p	ba
Johnston, lb.	5	1	2	10	Weaver, ss.	5	1	2	0
Turner, 3b.	3	1	0	40	Lord, 2b.	3	1	1	0
Jackson, cf.	4	1	1	00	Chase, 1b.	4	0	1	0
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Graney, if.	3	1	1	00	Bodie, cf.	4	0	1	0
Olson, ss.	3	0	3	40	Schalk, c.	4	0	1	0
Wood, rf.	4	0	1	00	Rickard, 2b.	4	0	2	0
Carlsch, c.	3	0	2	01	Daly, if.	3	0	0	0
Handing, p.	4	0	0	00	Scott, p.	2	0	1	0
					Clout, 2b.	0	0	0	0
					Benitt, ss.	1	0	0	0
					Faber, p.	0	0	0	0
Totals.	33	4	12	71	Totals.	32	2	12	13

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## Baseball Standing in Four Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES TO-DATE.  
Philadelphia at New York.  
St. Louis at Cincinnati.  
Pittsburgh at Chicago.

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.  
Cincinnati, 3; St. Louis, 2.  
Pittsburgh, 6; Chicago, 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.  
W. L. P. C.  
Pittsburgh, 8; 2; 3; 1.  
St. Louis, 7; 3; 2; 1.  
Cincinnati, 4; 4; 6; 40.  
Philadelphia, 5; 2; 1; 4.  
Chicago, 4; 4; 6; 40.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES TO-DATE.  
New York at Philadelphia.  
Boston at Washington.

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.  
Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 2.  
St. Louis, 4; Detroit, 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.  
W. L. P. C.  
Cleveland, 7; 4; 6; 38.  
St. Louis, 5; 5; 5; 50.  
Detroit, 7; 4; 6; 38.  
Chicago, 4; 4; 6; 40.  
Philadelphia, 5; 2; 1; 4.

FEDERAL LEAGUE GAMES TO-DATE.  
No games scheduled.

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.  
Indianapolis, 3; St. Louis, 3.  
Kansas City, 12; Chicago, 4.

FEDERAL LEAGUE STANDING.  
W. L. P. C.  
St. Louis, 8; 2; 3; 1.  
Chicago, 4; 4; 6; 40.  
Indianapolis, 5; 2; 1; 4.  
Kansas City, 12; 3; 3; 33.  
Brooklyn, 3; 4; 6; 40.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
GAMES TO-DATE.  
Montreal at New York.  
Toronto at Jersey City.

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.  
All scheduled games postponed on account of rain or wet grounds.

STANDING OF CLUBS.  
W. L. P. C.  
New York, 3; 0; 1; 0.  
Montreal, 2; 2; 5; 0.  
Buffalo, 3; 2; 5; 0.  
Jersey City, 2; 3; 0; 0.  
Toronto, 2; 2; 5; 0.

YINGLING STARS IN BOX  
Sallee Hit Hard and Reds Defeat St. Louis Cardinals.

Cincinnati, April 26.—Cincinnati defeated St. Louis in the first game of the series to-day by a score of 5 to 2. Yingling pitched magnificent ball, yielding only four hits.

Sallee, on the other hand, was hit hard and often, the Reds making eight hits and scoring five runs during the time he was in the box. Hopper, who succeeded Sallee, did not yield a hit in the two innings he was on the mound.

The score follows:

CINCINNATI.	ab	r	p	ba	ST. LOUIS.	ab	r	p	ba
Moran, cf.	4	1	2	00	Huggins, 2b.	3	1	1	0
Graham, 3b.	4	1	1	00	Mace, cf.	3	0	2	0
Duffy, 1b.	3	1	1	00	Butler, ss.	3	0	2	1
Stolen bases—Mace, 1; Huggins, 1; Graham, 1; Duffy, 1.					Stolen bases—Huggins, 1; Butler, 1; Moran, 1.				
Double play—Huggins and Moran.					Double play—Huggins and Moran.				
Left on bases—Cincinnati, 4; St. Louis, 3.					Left on bases—Cincinnati, 4; St. Louis, 3.				
Struck out—By Sallee, 3; by Hopper, 1.					Struck out—By Sallee, 3; by Hopper, 1.				
Hit by pitcher—Sallee (Morse), 1.					Hit by pitcher—Sallee (Morse), 1.				
Umpire—Quigley and Johnson.					Umpire—Quigley and Johnson.				
Totals.	32	5	12	71	Totals.	29	2	12	61

\*Batted for Sallee in the seventh inning. Huggins out in seventh, hit by batted ball.

Two-base hit—Duffy. Sacrifice hits—Huggins, 2; Moran, 1. Hits and runs apportioned: 3 hits, 4 runs off Sallee in 2 innings. Sacrifice hit—Mace. Left on bases—Cincinnati, 4; St. Louis, 3. Struck out—By Sallee, 3; by Hopper, 1. Hit by pitcher—Sallee (Morse), 1. Umpire—Quigley and Johnson.

## Brooklyn Celtics Reach Final Round in Cup Tie

## Make Short Work of Niagara Falls Rangers, Who Are Lucky to Score at End of Game.

## Sunday Soccer Games Results

Brooklyn.....	3	Niagara Falls.....	2
Brooklyn Celtics.....	6	West Hudsons.....	3
White Rose.....	3	West Hudsons.....	2
McDuffs.....	1	Fultons.....	0

Pateron, N. J., April 26.—The Brooklyn Celtics defeated the Niagara Falls Rangers at Olympic Park here this afternoon and earned a place in the final round of the United States of America Football Association's cup tie for the national challenge trophy. The score was 3 to 2.

The victors will meet the Brooklyn Football Club in the final round on May 10, on grounds to be selected later.

The Celtics established their superiority in the first twenty minutes of play. First King, the Celtics' inside left, headed the ball into the visitors' net after a corner kick by Campbell. Then O'Hallaran made it two straight with a shot from 15 yards out, which Higgett tried in vain to scoop out. With a short range shot Campbell netted the ball for the Celtics' third successive tally.